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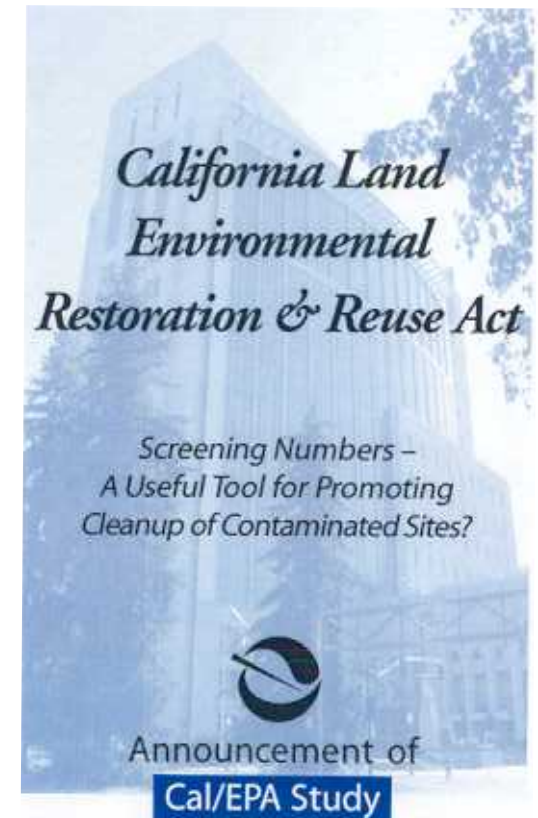
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Pilot Study Area

Regional Water Quality Control Boards

-  Region 4 - Los Angeles
-  Region 8 - Santa Ana
-  Region 9 - San Diego



What is the study?

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) is conducting a pilot study to evaluate the usefulness of screening numbers in encouraging remediation at contaminated properties in the study area. The study will consist of 25 sites and will examine whether the screening numbers are an adequate basis for determining the effort necessary to remediate contaminated properties, whether the numbers assist with securing funding for site remediation, at what stages in the cleanup process screening numbers are most useful, and other related issues.

What is the study area?

The study area includes the geographic regions covered by the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

What sites are eligible?

Properties that are, or may be, eligible for cleanup under the California Land Environmental Restoration & Reuse Act (SB 32) can apply to participate in the study. The text of SB 32, which includes complete property eligibility information, is available at calepa.ca.gov.

What are screening numbers?

Screening numbers are concentrations of chemicals of concern in soil and groundwater that approximate cleanup levels. They are advisory numbers, with no regulatory effect, that can be used as a reference value by citizen groups, community organizations, property owners, developers, and local government officials to estimate the degree of effort that may be necessary to remediate a contaminated property. Screening numbers cannot be used as cleanup levels or 'no further action' levels for contaminated sites.

What screening numbers will be used in the pilot study?

The Risk Based Screening Levels for soil and groundwater sites published by the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board will be used to study the usefulness of screening numbers in promoting site cleanup. Information on these screening numbers is available at www.calepa.ca.gov.

How long is the study period?

The study is being conducted from March 2002 to March 2004. Information and results from 25 sites remediated during this period will be included in the study and published by June 30, 2004.

How do I participate in the study?

For more information, contact the State Water Resources Control Board, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, or the Department of Toxic Substances Control. If your site is selected for the study, staff will be available to assist you and answer your questions throughout the study period.